

ST. PIUS X GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL

The purpose of the St. Pius X volleyball program is to provide every student in grades 3-8 the opportunity to participate on an organized team or in an instructional program. All teams will be established under the direction of the Volleyball Director.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

The following is a list of guidelines and procedures that govern the St. Pius X volleyball program. The Volleyball Director must grant exception to any guideline or procedure. Players, parents and coaches must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. All participants in the volleyball program must be currently enrolled students at St. Pius X grade school.
2. The establishment of teams in grades 3-6 will be determined under the following criteria:
 - a. Parents of players are permitted to coach their daughter. The Volleyball Director will select all coaches.
 - b. To assist in balancing rosters when teams are initially formed, an evaluation day will occur for girls in the 3rd and 5th grade prior to the start of the volleyball season. As a result of the evaluation the girls' names will be divided into 2 or 3 groups, based upon their skills assessment. The selection of players onto teams will follow the evaluation period and be performed by draft; coaches will select an equal number of players from all skill level groups.
 - c. Teams established for girls in the 3rd grade will stay in place until the completion of their 4th grade volleyball season. Teams established for girls in the 5th grade will stay in place until the completion of their 6th grade volleyball season. In the event that there are substantial changes to any of the rosters a re-draft may be necessary, at the discretion of the Volleyball Director.
 - d. Players may be added to teams at the discretion of the Volleyball Director.
3. Students in the 7th and 8th grade will be invited to tryout for the 'A' team in their respective grades. The selection of players will be made by the coaches of those teams and qualified judges. It is the intention of the St. Pius X volleyball program to have coaches who are not parents of players for the 7th and 8th grade 'A' teams. However, if a non-parent cannot be found to coach the 'A' team, the Volleyball Director can assign a player's parent to coach the team. A parent may coach "B" teams for the 7th and 8th grade. The Volleyball Director will select all coaches for 7th and 8th grade 'A' and 'B' teams.
4. No student can participate on more than one St. Pius X volleyball team. The student must participate within the grade she is currently enrolled.

5. No student can participate on an organized St. Pius X volleyball team before they are in the 3rd grade. We encourage every student to participate in leagues and tournaments outside of our program, but outside leagues and tournaments should not be a priority over school team's practices and matches.
6. All players on St. Pius X volleyball teams in grades 3-8 must participate in an equivalent of at least ONE (1) game of play per match, INCLUDING tournaments. The only exceptions to this rule are:
 - a. 7th and 8th grade 'A' teams in which playing time is at the coaches' discretion.
 - b. Players arriving tardy or missing for unexcused absences during practices or games can have their playing time restricted. Any absences not discussed with a coach in advance will be deemed unexcused.

Coaches that fail to adhere to this rule will be relieved of their coaching responsibilities. We encourage more playing time for all players and request that coaches do everything possible, as game conditions allow, to get additional playing time for all players.

7. T-shirts will be provided through the league for all 3rd grade participants and do not need to be returned. The St. Pius X Athletic Association will provide numbered jerseys for participants in the 4th through 8th grade. The following guidelines apply to distribution, collection, exchanges and lost/damaged/unreturned uniforms:
 - a. **UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION** – Volleyball Jerseys will be distributed to the coaches according to the sizes requested on the player's volleyball registration form. From an inventory and team roster standpoint, it is imperative that each player wears the uniform number assigned to her. Number changes must be communicated to the Uniform Coordinator. All players must wear black shorts, style of their choosing, however, there must be NO WRITING on the rear.
 - b. **UNIFORM COLLECTION** - Players must return their uniform to their head coach at the conclusion of the volleyball season in good, clean condition. After the head coach has received all of his/her player's uniforms, they must be returned to the Uniform Coordinator.
 - c. **UNIFORM EXCHANGES** - Players needing a larger/smaller jersey must contact the Uniform Coordinator.
 - d. **LOST/DAMAGED/UNRETURNED UNIFORMS** - The costs for lost or damaged uniforms are \$25-jersey
8. The St. Pius X Athletic Association will sponsor each team in outside tournaments under the following guidelines ("outside tournaments" are those for which an entry fee is submitted; tournaments held at St. Pius do not constitute outside tournaments):

3 rd and 4 th grade	One (1) outside tournament permitted.
5 th and 6 th grade	Two (2) outside tournaments permitted.
7 th and 8 th grade 'A' & 'B'	Three (3) outside tournaments permitted.

Teams exceeding their limit on outside tournaments will be responsible for covering all costs, including entry fees, unless cleared by the Athletic Association.

9. A registration fee is required for each participant in the St. Pius X volleyball program. The Volleyball Director, under the guidance of the St. Pius X Athletic Association, will determine the fee amount. This registration fee will be collected prior to the beginning of the volleyball season.
10. Players, coaches and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that represents the Christian values of St. Pius X Church. Individuals that fail to abide by this policy can be restricted from further participation or attendance at volleyball practices or games.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF *STUDENT ATHLETE*

1. Attend and be on time for all practices and games.
2. Make academic obligations a priority over your participation in athletics; always strive for academic success. Complete homework assignments before attending practices and/or games.
3. Be supportive, not critical, of your teammates and always strive to display good sportsmanship and fair play.
4. Respect your coaches, teammates, opposing players and coaches, game officials and spectators at all times. Disrespectful or abusive behavior on the part of any participant will not be tolerated.
5. Make a sincere effort to improve your skills by following the coach's instructions and practicing on your own.
6. Pay attention and do not cause distractions while your coach is instructing during practices and games.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF *PARENTS*

1. Make every effort to ensure your children are on time for all practices and games. Outside leagues and tournaments should never be a priority over school team's practices and matches. During volleyball season (July 15-October 31) other school sports should not take priority over practices and games.

2. Make sure that your daughter has completed all homework assignments before attending practices and/or games.
3. Accept responsibility for uniforms and equipment that your daughter brings home. These items should be cared for according to directions on the uniform and returned at the end of the volleyball season in good condition.
4. Show support for the athletic program by attending games whenever possible and by volunteering your time to help whenever possible. Encourage and show support for all the players on your daughter's team.
5. Respect your daughter's teammates, coaches, opposing players and coaches, game officials, league officials and spectators at all times. Disrespectful or abusive behavior on the part of any parent will not be tolerated.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES

1. Abide by all policies and rules set forth by the Volleyball Director, including remaining Virtus compliant.
2. Be responsible for all players' and parents' conduct during practices and games.
3. Be organized and on time for all practices and games. Provide plenty of advance notice to players and parents of practice times and games.
4. Encourage players; never discourage.
5. Be consistent in enforcing team policies.
6. Respect your players, parents, opposing players and coaches, game officials, leagues officials and spectators at all times. Disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behavior on the part of any coach will not be tolerated.

PROBLEMS/DISPUTES

With the large number of students participating in the St. Pius X volleyball program, the Athletic Association recognizes that there will be times when problems or disputes will arise. The Volleyball Director strongly recommends that every effort be made to work these problems out on an individual basis. If a parent or player has a disagreement with a coach, they should speak with them in a calm and respectful manner in an effort to resolve the issue. Likewise, if a coach has a problem with a parent, participant, opposing coach, game official or league organizer, he/she should speak directly to them in a calm and respectful manner to resolve the issue. If a reasonable attempt to solve the problem on an individual basis has failed, the person is urged to contact the Volleyball Director and present the situation. Every effort will be made to settle the problem within the guidelines of the volleyball program.

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